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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Swimmable
California Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 48, as amended, Hueso. Swimmable California ~~Day~~ Day.

This measure would proclaim July 25, 2013, as Swimmable California Day to recognize Californians' rights to clean and safe waters for swimming and other appropriate activities, and to encourage Californians to enjoy and use their waters.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the federal
- 2 Clean Water Act in 1972 with the goal of providing ~~clean~~, *clean*
- 3 *and* safe waters for swimming, fishing, and drinking; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature passed the
- 5 ~~California~~ Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act in 1969 to
- 6 entrust the ~~State Water Board and nine Regional Boards~~ *state water*
- 7 *board and nine regional boards* with broad duties and powers to

1 preserve and enhance all beneficial uses of waters of the state,
2 including, but not limited to, recreation; and

3 WHEREAS, Federal and state clean water laws have facilitated
4 dramatic improvements in controlling pollution from industrial
5 and municipal treatment work pipes; and

6 WHEREAS, Continued efforts are needed to address polluted
7 ~~storm-water~~ *stormwater* runoff, trash, and other threats to the health
8 of California's ocean, coastline, and waters; and

9 WHEREAS, California coastal areas, beaches, estuaries, rivers,
10 streams, and lakes enhance the quality of life and well-being of
11 *all* Californians; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 238 million people use and enjoy
13 California's beaches each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Urban rivers and other waters provide free exercise
15 and recreational opportunities for low-income communities that
16 might otherwise have limited access to natural environments or
17 open spaces; and

18 WHEREAS, California depends on clean water for its
19 recreational and ~~eco-tourism~~, *ecotourism*, fishing industry,
20 international ports, and other coastal or ~~ocean-dependent~~
21 *ocean-dependent* industries; and

22 WHEREAS, California's ocean economy generates more than
23 \$40 billion annually, with the tourism and recreation sectors
24 accounting for 76 percent of all coastal employment; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the California Legislature finds that
28 implementation, enforcement, and funding of federal and state
29 stormwater regulations and other water laws are critical to
30 California's economy and its way of life; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the California Legislature proclaims July 25,
32 2013, as "Swimmable California Day" to recognize Californians'
33 rights to coastal areas, beaches, estuaries, rivers, streams, and lakes
34 that are clean and safe for swimming and other appropriate
35 activities, and to encourage Californians to enjoy and use their
36 waters; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
38 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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